

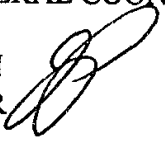



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 9, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: KIM BRIGHT-COLEMAN
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THROUGH: JAMES PEHRKON 
STAFF DIRECTOR

FROM: ROBERT J. COSTA 
ASSISTANT STAFF DIRECTOR
AUDIT DIVISION

SUBJECT: MURS 4395, 4480, 4545 AND 4669 AND RELATED GENERAL
COUNSEL REQUEST

Your memorandum dated July 6, 1999 requested the Audit Division to review documents related to the above MURS that may be contained in the workpapers or electronic files generated during the audits of Clinton/Gore '96 primary and general committees.

With respect to MUR 4395, President Clinton's trip in April 1996 to South Korea, Japan and Russia, the audits did not reveal any payments relevant to these trips.

With respect to MUR 4480, non-qualified campaign expenses in the form of reimbursements to Richard Morris, the Audit staff can offer no more than what is already stated in the draft general counsel report.

With respect to MUR 4669, payment and reporting of travel aboard Air Force One and other government conveyance, the audits did not reveal any exceptions relevant to such travel.

In consideration of the above and since the draft general counsel report preliminarily recommends the Commission find no reason to believe that any violation had occurred with respect to the above MURS, additional reviews by the Audit staff do not appear warranted.

Finally, MUR 4545 addresses the President's train trip to the Convention. Given (1) your preliminary recommendation that the Commission find no reason to believe that a violation occurred and (2) the limited resources available to the Audit staff due to the 438(b) authorized audits currently being conducted and the non-authorized audits recently approved by the Commission, we could perform only a limited review of records made available to your staff by various respondents. Further, it is our understanding that documentation, necessary to determine if the cost of the train trip was allocated properly has not been made available. Therefore, our review will not address this concern.

Please contract Tom Nurthen at 694-1200 to discuss the specifics of the aforementioned limited review and to arrange for delivery of the records.